

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APPLICANT: Schön et al

TITLE: DEVICE FOR VARIABLE ACTUATION OF GAS
EXCHANGE VALVES OF INTERNAL COMBUSTION
ENGINES AND METHOD FOR OPERATING THE
DEVICE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED SIMULTANEOUSLY WITH APPLICATION
TO AVOID MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to examination of the present application, please
amend as follows: